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SUBJECT: FY-77 AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM

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75 LUSAKA 440, 75 MASERU 435, 75 MASERU 131, 75 OUAGADOUGOU A-41 (ALL NOTAL)

1. FOR PAST THREE YEARS, DEPARTMENT HAS SPONSORED AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE-LEVEL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DEGREE PROGRAMS AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIFIC AREAS OF
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STUDY OR WORK, COULD BENEFIT FROM ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE IN

AFRICA. THIS PROGRAM WAS CREATED AS DIRECT RESPONSE TO GROWING AMERICAN INTEREST IN AFRICA AND SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF IGNORANCE AND MISINFORMATION ABOUT AFRICA IN U. S. FREQUENTLY REMARKED BY AFRICAN VISITORS. THIS PROGRAM IS SIMILAR TO DHEW DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH ABROAD PROGRAM EXCEPT THAT ACADEMIC FIELDS ARE UNRESTRICTED UNLESS BY POST'S REQUEST, AND ACADEMIC LEVEL OF STUDENTS IS NOT LIMITED TO DOCTORAL. ANY STUDENTS OR YOUNG PROFESSIONAL WITH AT LEAST BACHELORS DEGREE MAY APPLY. DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM THEREFORE HAS ADVANTAGE OF BEING AVAILABLE TO GREATER NUMBER AMERICANS AND IS CONSEQUENTLY MORE RESPONSIVE TO NEED FOR MORE WIDESPREAD KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF AFRICA IN THIS COUNTRY. EMPHASIS IS PUT ON SELECTING STUDENTS WHOSE RESEARCH PROJECTS WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY U. S. ACADEMIC COMMUNITY BUT ALSO HOST COUNTRY.

2. DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES OFFERING THIS PROGRAM AGAIN THIS YEAR AND INVITES POST TO PARTICIPATE. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS POST'S OPINION OF MERITS OF SUCH A PROGRAM IN HOST COUNTRY AND FRANK ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED EXCHANGE ENVIRONMENT. IF POST INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE FURNISH DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING INFORMATION NEEDED BY IIE FOR PUBLICATION OF REVISED EDITION OF BROCHURE ANNOUNCING THESE GRANTS:

- A. KEEPING IN MIND THAT, AS IN CASE OF AMERICAN FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS, POST WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT, ARRANGING HOUSING, AND ADMINISTERING MAINTENANCE AND TUITION PAYMENTS, HOW MANY AMERICAN STUDENTS WOULD POST BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE?
- B. WOULD HOST GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY(IES) BE WILLING ACCEPT AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS EITHER AS RESEARCHERS AFFILIATED WITH UNIVERSITY OR AS STUDENTS TAKING CLASSES WITHOUT CREDIT?
- C. PREFERRED ACADEMIC LEVEL OF STUDENTS (WHEREVER POSSIBLE, DEPARTMENT PREFERS RECENT UNIVERSITY GRADUATES WHO WILL BE DOING SOME COURSE WORK ON CAMPUS RATHER THAN SOLELY INDEPENDENT RESEARCH).
- D. (1) FIELDS OF STUDY AVAILABLE AND OF PROBABLE INTEREST TO AMERICAN MA-LEVEL STUDENT, (2) TYPE FACILITIES

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TIES AVAILABLE (LABS, LIBRARIES, ETC.)

E. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS FOR PARTICULAR PROGRAMS OF STUDY AND FOR ADMISSION IN PARTICULAR STUDENT CATEGORIES (DEPARTMENT PREFERS THAT GRANTEES BE ADMITTED WITH STATUS THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO GIVE OCCASIONAL LECTURES OR TEACH AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE PART-TIME).

F. DATES OF UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC YEAR

G. FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

H. HOUSING FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT UNIVERSITY OR IN SURROUNDING AREA FOR BOTH SINGLE AND MARRIED PERSONS

I. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS OF WHICH APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AWARE (REQUIRED RESEARCH CLEARANCES, ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES, CURFEWS, PRIVILEGES ACCORDED AND NOT ACCORDED STUDENTS WITH TYPE OF STATUS THAT GRANTEES WILL HAVE)

J. ESTIMATED COSTS: (1) TUITION, (2) BOOK ALLOWANCE, (3) HOUSING AND MAINTENANCE, (4) MISCELLANEOUS.

3. POST SHOULD PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ANSWERING QUESTION I AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE. MAJORITY OF GRANTEES TO DATE HAVE INDICATED THAT ONLY AREA IN WHICH THEY LACKED ADEQUATE BRIEFING WAS TYPE OF STATUS ACCORDED STUDENTS IN THEIR PARTICULAR CATEGORIES, E.G., IF A GRANTEE IS ADMITTED AS AN "OCCASIONAL", "SPECIAL", OR "AFFILIATE" STUDENT, ETC., IS HE/SHE PERMITTED TO (A) LIVE IN DORMS, RESEARCH STATIONS, FACULTY HOUSING, (B) TAKE OUT UNIVERSITY LOANS FOR CARS, ETC., (C) JOIN FACULTY CLUBS, (D) USE CERTAIN UNIVERSITIES SUCH AS THOSE FOR RESEARCH, HEALTH, ATHLETICS, DINING, ETC.

4. DUE IIE PUBLICATION DEADLINE, POST REQUESTED SEND CABLE REPLY CONTAINING AS MUCH OF ABOVE REQUESTED INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE NO LATER THAN MARCH 5.

5. FOR FREETOWN: ABOVE BEING SENT POST PER KARL BIGELOW'S REPORT OF CONVERSATIONS HELD WITH POST OFFICIALS NOVEMBER 24 INDICATING POST'S INTEREST IN HAVING AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENT AT FOURAH BAY COLLEGE OR NJALA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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6. FOR KINSHASA: ABOVE BEING SENT IN EVENT SITUATION REPORTED IN KINSHASA 1089 HAS CHANGED.

7. FOR NAIROBI: ABOVE BEING SENT POST PER KARL BIGELOW'S REPORT OF CONVERSATIONS HELD WITH POST AND UNIVERSITY NAIROBI OFFICIALS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER WHICH INDICATED INTEREST BY ALL PARTIES IN HAVING AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENT AFFILIATED WITH UNIVERSITY. RE UNIVERSITY'S SUGGESTION THAT STUDENTS MAY BE ASKED TO DO SOME TEACHING IN PLACE OF ABSENT KENYAN STAFF MEMBER ABROAD DOING ADVANCED STUDY, DEPARTMENT WHOLLY SUPPORTS THIS USE OF GRANTEES. RE NEED FOR CLEARANCES FROM UNIVERSITY AND GOK, POST SHOULD FORWARD INSTRUCTIONS AND/OR FORMS AND DEPARTMENT WILL REQUEST SCHOLAR SUBMIT NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR CLEARANCE.

8. FOR OUAGADOUGOU: ABOVE IS IN RESPONSE OUAGADOUGOU
A-41 THAT INDICATED HOST COUNTRY'S WILLINGNESS ACCEPT U.S.
RESEARCHERS AND POST'S INTEREST IN HAVING AMERICAN RE-
SEARCHERS IN FIELDS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO HOST
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